

WINCHESTER PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
EMBRACE THE CHILDREN
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

2007-2008

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The Winchester Parks and Recreation Department offers an after school program for children ages 4 years, 11 months to 11 years old who attend Winchester Public Schools. Embrace the Children (ETC) begins on the first day of school and operates in conjunction with the Winchester Public Schools calendar throughout the school year. ETC is also available for a full day on school staff development days and designated holidays when school is closed. The program is supervised and is designed to be recreational, educational, safe, fun and less structured than the school day. Children can participate in various activities including organized group games, individual games, outdoor activities, arts and crafts, enrichment activities, supervised free play, homework and quiet time, movies, special occasion parties and more. An afternoon snack is provided to children daily and a morning and afternoon snack is provided on full days. The program is licensed by the Virginia Department of Social Services.

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION:

All children must be enrolled before they will be allowed to attend. Any outstanding program fees must be paid in full in order to register. Enrollment forms are available at the Winchester Parks and Recreation Department, 1001 East Cork Street, Winchester, VA. Enrollment is accepted at any time during the school year on a space-available basis. Once a child is enrolled, parents must notify their child's school of his/her participation in the program. All past participants must be re-enrolled each year. The following must be received before enrollment will be accepted: **1) ETC enrollment form, with ALL information filled out completely, 2) release of records form signed, 3) a proof of identity for any new participants, 4) \$5.00 non-refundable registration fee for each child.**

HOURS:

After School - School dismissal time until 6:00 p.m.
Full days - 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

DAILY FEES:

Monday/Early Dismissal Days

\$20.00 or \$5.00/hour with a 2 hour minimum payment

Tuesday - Friday

\$14.00 or \$5.00/hour with a 2 hour minimum payment

Full Days

\$30.00 or \$5.00/hour with a 2 hour minimum payment

SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS:

Embrace the Children will not operate if schools are closed due to inclement weather. If schools dismiss early, ETC will operate from the time of dismissal, however, we do encourage parents to pick children up as early as possible.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR TO ENROLL YOUR CHILD,
CALL 542-0153, ext. 15.